

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The following paragraph replaces the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 17 of the filed specification.

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If the power source for the operating mode indicator apparatus 10 is not dependent on the operational status of the computer system 72, it is generally preferred that the operating mode indicator apparatus 10 be provided with a time-delayed shut off switch 99 ~~(not shown)~~ so that the operating mode indicator apparatus 10 does not remain operational for an extended period of time after the computer system 72 is shut down. By providing the time-delayed shut off, the operating mode indicator apparatus 10 may be shut off without any user intervention after a period of inactivity. That is, the operating mode indicator apparatus 10 may be shut off if the mouse 12 has not been used for a given period of time period and/or the computer system 72 has been inoperable for the given time period.